

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, January 20, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

**PRAYER** – The Prayer was given by Councilor Cekala.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL-CALL** – Present were Councilors Arnone, Bosco, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin, Mangini, Stokes and Szewczak. Councilor Lee was absent. Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Derrik Kennedy; Town Attorney, Kevin Deneen; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki

**FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chairman Kaupin made the fire evacuation announcement.

**MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

**MOTION #3007** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Stokes to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3007** adopted 10-0-0.

**MOTION #3008** by Councilor Deni, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3008** adopted 10-0-0.

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

Joshua Carroll shared his proposed Eagle Scout project, which consists of two benches at the Middle Road library. He noted he spoke to the Director of Libraries who advised him on the best location for these benches. He stated the cost for lumber and hardware will be \$350, and he plans to raise the money through a letter writing campaign and bake sale.

Councilor Arnone advised Joshua to let the Council know when there will be a fundraiser.

Councilors Hall, Mangini and Deni thanked and commended Joshua for this project.

Chairman Kaupin thanked Joshua for coming before the Council.

It was the consensus of the Council that Joshua can move forward with his proposal.

### **Enfield Beautification Committee**

Darren Ketchale, Chairman of the Enfield Beautification Committee, stated one of their projects was to create a new logo for this committee. He noted “Andrew” of Bright Beginnings Day Care came up with their new logo.

Councilor Arnone commended Andrew for coming up with the new logo. He also commended the committee for everything they do for the town.

Chairman Kaupin thanked the committee for coming before the Council, and he commended Bright Beginnings Day Care for their involvement in the community.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS**

Michael Degiule, 3 Edmund Lane

Stated Edmund Lane residents are here requesting that their road be re-done. He shared the history of this road. He provided photographs of the road’s condition and drainage problems, which are causing icing problems. He pointed out this situation is dangerous. He questioned what must be done to address these issues because he feels waiting five more years is too long.

Arthur Mullen, 80 Mullen Road

Voiced his support of the Farmland Preservation Program.

Mr. Mullen stated his belief the newly renovated Enfield High School should be able to keep its Raiders logo. He pointed out the new CREC high school already established the “Enfield Eagles”, and he doesn’t believe the town should have two “Enfield Eagles”.

Steve Moriarty, 24 Sidor Drive

Stated his eco-friendly house will be for sale shortly for \$175,000.

Ellyn Driscoll, 11 Hudson Street

Stated 75% of her water usage is outdoors. She noted she is only one person and not using much water indoors. She stated she does not want to pay for a plumber to install a deduct meter. She stated her belief the Town should be charging people for winter usage instead of the season when water is being used outdoors.

Karen LaPlante, 166 North Maple Street (Chair of the Conservation Commission)

Stated the Conservation Commission would like to encourage the Town Council to approve the resolution before them for the Community Farmland Preservation Program. She explained this program will allow Enfield to partner with the State of CT farmland preservation program. She stated her understanding the state will provide

approximately 75% of the funding, and the Town will need to provide only 25% to purchase the development rights of the smaller farms. She noted the Conservation Commission is hoping this program will move forward as it is in accordance with the Town's Plan of Conservation & Development and with the open space and farmland preservation document that was adopted by the Council many years ago.

Ms. LaPlante stated the Conservation Commission is dedicating its February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:00 in the Enfield Room to Enfield farmers. She noted they will be hosting four different speakers of interest to farmers. She stated those speakers include Della Froment from the Town Assessor's Office, and she will speak about the farm related assessment issues available to the farmers. She noted Katherine Winslow from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture will speak about the Farmland Preservation Programs at the state level. She stated another speaker from the USDA NRCS will speak about the Agriculture Management Assistant Program and the Environmental Quality Incentive Programs, which will include information on their highly successful, high tunnel program, which allows farmers to extend their growing season by putting up high tunnels. She noted their fourth speaker will be Tom Sayers from the Northeast kestrel program. She stated Mr. Sayers single-handedly is putting up and managing kestrel nesting boxes to help save and protect this endangered bird. She noted farms are a perfect match for this small hawk that loves insects and small mammals. She pointed out the meeting is open to anyone interested in this subject matter. She noted they will be sending out a notice to Enfield farmers and open space land owners.

Steve Moriarty, 24 Sidor Drive

In regards to his home, which is for sale, Mr. Moriarty pointed out his home has solar power, geothermal heat, and his utility bills are only \$600 per year.

### **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS**

Councilor Mangini commended Scott Bertrand and his staff from the Enfield Housing Authority for receiving a state grant for approximately \$4 million dollars for elderly site renovations and \$480,000 in pre-development grants as well as various awards for an outstanding risk control program as well as an award for best practices in housing authority risk and retention renovation.

She thanked the people responsible for putting on the Chili Cook Off in Somers. She noted this was a great event with a lot of people in attendance.

She stated she attended the CCM municipal training on budgets recently. She noted for anyone interested there is a power point presentation available, and this would be a valuable tool as they enter their budget season.

Councilor Mangini commended Lynn Nenni and her Finance staff for doing a great job.

She questioned whether it's customary for Public Works to do sanding during icing conditions. She questioned when the sanding begins and the order in which roads are sanded.

Councilor Arnone requested Public Works address the Edmund Road area complaints, as well as the St. James Road area. He noted perhaps they can come up with a temporary fix.

Councilor Arnone expressed his support of the Farmland Preservation Program resolution.

Councilor Edgar stated from the Commission on Aging there was a question about the co-pay for ambulance service for people on Medicare. He noted people should not be paying that co-pay because the Town waived that cost. He suggested information on this topic be published.

Councilor Deni referred to Edmund Street and noted he spoke to John Cabibbo regarding this issue and learned there was a plan in 2001, but nothing ever happened. He noted he visited the Edmund Street area, and it is a mess.

He stated he will support the Farmland Preservation Program resolution.

As concerns the Enfield High School logo, Councilor Szewczak noted that is a topic that should be brought before the Board of Education. She noted a lot of work has been done to merge the two high schools and to give honor to both heritages.

Referring to the earlier comments about the expense of a deduct meter, Councilor Szewczak pointed out a deduct meter would probably be less costly than the sewer use bill. She pointed out the Town Council has been trying their best to make things fair for everyone.

**MOTION #3009** by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Mangini to suspend the rules to address Items 14 B2, E, F and G under Miscellaneous.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3009** adopted 10-0-0.

Councilor Bosco requested an update on the pothole patching. He stated his impression those patches are holding well.

Chairman Kaupin stated the school logo is a decision of the Board of Education, not the Town Council.

He stated there will be an Enfield Police Explorers Family Night ceremony January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Enrico Fermi High School.

Chairman Kaupin stated on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Thompsonville Village Center at 100 High Street there will be a Thompsonville Talk. He encouraged people to attend and give their opinions on the work being done in Thompsonville and what they'd like to see done in Thompsonville.

Chairman Kaupin stated at the last meeting Town staff took some criticism regarding communication as concerns a snowstorm. He noted the communication has been phenomenal over the past couple weeks, especially the communications coming out of Public Works.

### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Coppler shared possible dates for public meetings concerning school security – January 28, January 29, February 4, February 5, February 11, February 12. He noted he will confirm some dates after talking to the School Superintendent.

Councilor Hall requested parochial schools be made aware of those dates.

Mr. Coppler stated the engineering staff informed him they received a quote for work to be done at 6 Sky Street, and it's anticipated the work will be done in the next couple weeks. Councilor Szewczak questioned whether it will be necessary to go to Inland/Wetlands regarding this work, and Mr. Coppler indicated he'd check into that.

Mr. Coppler stated they are working with their State Legislators regarding the train station project. He noted they're getting ready to go into the next scheduled legislative session, and they will request they put a proposal on the bond agenda which would fund the installation of the platforms for the train station.

As concerns the co-pay for ambulance service, Mr. Coppler stated there has been a Council consensus on doing a waiver for that co-pay, but they don't have an official Council action to actually grant the authority to do the waiver. He stated at the first meeting in February, there will be a resolution regarding this. He noted when the Council adopts that resolution, they can waive the co-pay. He went on to note that historically, the Town hasn't tried to collect the co-pay, but there have been residents who paid it. He stated when the Town has been made aware of this, reimbursements have been made.

Councilor Edgar questioned if people will be reimbursed if they paid the co-pay recently. Mr. Coppler responded that will be a decision for the Council to make.

Councilor Szewczak stated the same may hold true for people on Husky.

As concerns de-icing, Mr. Coppler stated a lot of decisions are made upon what the weather is. He referred to Sunday and noted they had full crews in up until 1:00 p.m. He noted the air temperature at 1:00 p.m. rose enough that they felt continuing any additional salting wouldn't be of any benefit. He stated they did keep at least one crew on board

after 1:00 p.m. He noted around 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. they received a report there were issues in the Hollow area, and that issue was addressed.

Councilor Mangini stated there was an accident on South Road in the morning. She noted there were icy conditions on Post Office Road, Bridge Lane and Raffia Road. She stated she didn't see any sand or salt, and she didn't see any trucks out.

Mr. Coppler stated he can have them account for every road that they drove. He added he was told there were crews on the roads.

Chairman Kaupin stated based on twitter, "Sunday morning, DPW crews will be treating main roads this morning in anticipation of icy conditions. The highway division is heading out to treat all roads due to anticipated freezing rain and ice." He read further what was tweeted that night, "DPW has just finished treating all roads for a third time today."

Councilor Arnone stated his understanding there will be new regulations about stormwater runoff and no sand and less salt is a good thing as well as vacuuming out stormwater basins. He requested the Town Manager find out what new things will be required by new regulations and how the Town will deal with these regulations in the future.

Mr. Coppler stated the Director of Public Works, Jonathan Bilmes, has been working very diligently in this area. He noted it will be an extra quarter million dollars in extra costs to comply with these regulations.

Councilor Hall questioned when the Board of Education will vote on their budget. Mr. Coppler responded he did not know, but they should find out soon.

Chairman Kaupin stated he received an email from Representative Alexander informing him that he and Senator Kissel are jointly submitting the legislation for the transit center. He noted Rep. Alexander was appointed to the Bonding Subcommittee on Finance, and he will work on his end within the subcommittee on the transit center.

## **TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS**

Attorney Deneen referred to the Clean Water Act regulations and noted there's a big push back by CCM because of the cost to towns, and they're tweaking their original proposals to lessen some of the obligations.

He noted in the past the state was contracting with a private entity to open up a nursing home for ex-prisoners, and at that time they were saying they didn't have to go through local zoning, which resulted in the town having no control where such a facility was placed. He stated the Connecticut Supreme Court was very clear that they will not extend sovereign immunity to for-profit entities even if they're performing a state-wide function.

## **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL**

### **Enfield High School Renovation Building Committee**

Councilor Szewczak stated an oil tank was found on Enfield High School property, and it will be removed.

Councilor Deni questioned the issue of asbestos at Enfield High School and the status of a letter that was suppose to go home to parents concerning this issue. Councilor Cekala stated her understanding the State dictates when those letters go out.

Councilor Edgar stated his understanding that during construction at Enfield High School, they struck rock, and Councilor Szewczak stated they did hit rock and shale. She noted these are things that will happen. She stated there's close to a \$10 million dollar contingency fund.

Councilor Cekala stated there's a lot of contingency money because there will be surprises.

Addressing CCM matters, Councilor Mangini referred to the Clean Water regulations and noted Enfield is on top of things with street sweeping and cleaning catch basins. She noted the Governor's address is going to be postponed two weeks. She stated OPM is not returning phone calls to CCM, and this is an indicator that the state has some issues. She noted CCM talked about some advances that they'd like to make in this legislative session, i.e., property tax relief, ECS cost spending, technology, transportation and public safety.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **APPOINTMENTS (TOWN COUNCIL)**

**MOTION #3010** by Councilor Deni, seconded by Councilor Cekala to remove Item #11 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3010** adopted 10-0-0.

**NOMINATION #3011** by Councilor Mangini to appoint William Hosley (R) to the River Valley CT Central Regional Tourism District for a term which expires 6/30/16.

**MOTION #3012** by Councilor Deni, seconded by Councilor Stokes to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3012** adopted 10-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared William Hosely appointed to the River Valley CT Central Regional Tourism District by a 10-0-0 vote.

All other appointments remained tabled.

Items C & D remained tabled.

**MOTION #3013** by Councilor Stokes, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to remove Item E. from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3013** adopted 10-0-0.

**RESOLUTION #3014** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Stokes.

WHEREAS, the Town of Enfield has received a request from Joseph C. and Jacquelyn C. Bosco to make needed repairs to their home at 74 Town Farm Road, also known as Lot 4 on Assessor's Map 71; and

WHEREAS, these repairs will encroach into the undeveloped portion of the Neelans Road right-of-way, commonly known as "Old Neelans Road"; and

WHEREAS, to allow for these repairs to occur within the Town's right-of-way, the Town Council will have to grant a license to Joseph C. and Jacquelyn C. Bosco; and

WHEREAS, the Council must refer this proposed transaction to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report in conformance with the requirements of Connecticut General Statute 8-24;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed license for work related to the above-mentioned repairs, which will encroach onto "Old Neelans Road", is referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission in conformance with the requirements of Connecticut General Statute 8-24.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3014** adopted 9-0-1, with Councilor Bosco abstaining.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There were no New Business items on the agenda.



## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **DISCUSSION: ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING**

Present for this discussion were Assistant Town Manager, Derrik Kennedy, and Steven Weisman, Vice President of Peregrine Energy Group.

Mr. Weismann reviewed Enfield's municipal energy strategy as follows:

- Reduce energy use in operations wherever practical, while maintaining Town responsibilities and a comfortable workplace.
- Invest in more energy-efficient systems, equipment, and technology whenever cost-effective or if end-of-life equipment must be replaced.

He then reviewed Enfield's current energy profile:

- Enfield spent over \$4,000,000 for energy in 2013.
- Buildings account for 72% of this energy expense.
- Funds spent for energy were not available for other municipal needs.

Mr. Weismann stated Town and school buildings continue to age and deteriorate, and energy equipment in buildings is old and inefficient. He noted energy infrastructure is often beyond the designed service life, and comfort problems and repair costs are increasing. He stated energy performance of buildings (energy use per square foot) is well below what Peregrine sees in other like communities.

He reviewed a chart showing energy use in different town and school buildings.

Mr. Weismann stated Peregrine has identified nearly \$20,000,000 in energy projects that are necessary and worthwhile in Enfield buildings, and Enfield could elect to fund these through capital appropriations, however, capital funds are limited and demand is very competitive. He noted the Town Council does not want to increase taxes to raise additional funds, and annual appropriations will not provide timely relief for building needs. He pointed out that as an alternative, the Town is proposing to use an energy performance contract to complete these energy projects.

He explained the features of a performance contract as follows:

- It is a tool to reduce energy use/expenses and modernize energy infrastructure.
- Projects are self-funding: annual energy savings over the term of the contract pay capital costs for energy improvements.
- Specialized energy service companies or ESCO's do this work.
- EPC's guarantee that actual savings will equal or exceed estimated savings.
- This contract requires that ESCO reimburses the Town for annual savings shortfalls.

Mr. Weisman reviewed the financial benefits:

- Immediate cash flow improvement
- Additional savings after cost repaid
- Reduced maintenance & repair cost
- Control over price volatility
- Increased security
- Improved power quality
- Lower risk of catastrophic failure

He then reviewed services that ESCO's provide as follows:

- Energy assessments
- Investment grade audits
- Design engineering
- Equipment/sub-contractor procurement with transparency
- Construction oversight
- Commissioning of completed projects
- Training for Town staff in proper operation and maintenance
- Savings guarantees

Mr. Weisman spoke about EPC cash flows:

- Town arranges municipal lease then sets up escrow account.
- Town pays ESO out of escrow account as equipment is installed and fully commissioned.
- Lease payments begin at overall project completion, using energy savings retained in utility accounts (operating budget).
- Actual savings are confirmed annually by Town's Owner's Agent.
- ESCO reimburses Town for any shortfalls in actual annual energy savings vs. guaranteed savings at then current energy rates.

He reviewed risk mitigation with EPC's:

What happens if ESCO doesn't complete the job or work is sub-par?

- Contractor's bond is required.
- Successful commissioning is required before acceptance by the Town.

What happens if energy savings are not achieved?

- Owner's agent confirms guaranteed savings.
- ESCO must make up value of any annual shortfall.

What happens if energy prices fall, reducing the value of savings?

- Dropping energy prices increase savings in level-funded energy budgets.
- Additional savings can cover lease expense.

Mr. Weisman stated his belief the Town doesn't have a lot of exposure in these projects. Councilor Szewczak questioned how they balance the life expectancy of the equipment that's replaced. Mr. Weisman noted a lot of the infrastructure items will last longer, i.e., boilers.

Councilor Szewczak questioned whether this will all be leased equipment, and Mr. Weisman explained this is an energy services lease. He noted when the project is completed, the Town takes over operation and maintenance of the equipment. He stated he's suggesting a lease approach rather than a bond approach.

Councilor Arnone noted as every project gets completed, it has to be approved for the escrow account. He questioned who does that. Mr. Weisman stated typically his firm doesn't provide day-to-day oversight because it would be expensive to hire a person through Peregrine to do that kind of work. He noted some communities hire a part-time clerk to oversee the project. He stated in terms of the approval process, his firm generally looks at all the invoices and makes sure the equipment has actually been installed and operating properly. He noted there's a point in the project described as "substantial completion", and that's defined in the contract as when the project has been fully commissioned. He stated substantial completion also requires that all necessary Town staff is trained in operating the equipment, and it means the ESCO has provided the Town with all documentation, warranties, manuals, etc., and the Town is getting beneficial use out of the equipment.

Mr. Kennedy stated Honeywell was selected as the preferred vendor. He noted Honeywell did a full assessment on all the buildings and provided a list of all energy saving measures that the Town could potentially achieve. He stated going forward, the Town will be given a final investment grade energy audit. He stated his belief there should be a workshop with the Council regarding the financing of the projects. He noted it would then follow the typical timeline for a referendum. He stated there will be a lot more information going forward.

Councilor Cekala stated her belief they should have done Fermi High School because it could still be used as a school. She requested an example be provided as to the financing, cost, payment, when it will be paid, how long it will be paid and the term. Mr. Coppler stated they could bring forward information as to what's already been done at Henry Barnard School. Mr. Kennedy noted they saved \$26,000 in one year at Henry Barnard over what they guaranteed would be saved. He stated if it were the other way around, and they were short, they would have received a reimbursement check which would have gone into the operating budget.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**NOMINATION #3015** by Councilor Stokes to appoint Kierstan Pestana (U) to the Patriot Award Committee for a term which expires 7/31/15.

**MOTION #3016** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Cekala to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3016** adopted 9-0-0. Councilor Deni absent at the vote.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Kierstan Pestana appointed to the Patriot Award Committee by a 9-0-0 vote.

**RESOLUTION #3017** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Stokes.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	Senior Center		
	Athletic/Recreation Equipment	22040440 573500	\$10,000
FROM:	Senior Center		
	Misc. Contributions/Donations	22044440 417050	\$10,000

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of January 9, 2015.

/s/ A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3017** adopted 10-0-0.

**RESOLUTION #3018** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Szewczak.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	Family Resource Center		
	Salaries	22046098 511000	\$15,000
	Other Professional Services	22046098 533900	\$20,000
	Postage	22046098 553500	\$ 500
	Printing & Reproduction	22046098 555000	\$ 2,000
	Copying & Reproduction	22046098 555100	\$ 1,000
	Instructional Supplies	22046098 561100	\$12,500
	Office Supplies	22046098 561200	\$ 1,000

Food/Food Related	22046098 563000	\$ 500
Furniture & Fixtures	22046098 573300	\$17,500
Technology	22046098 573400	\$ 3,000

FROM: Family Resource Center  
 LEGO Grant 22044470 460098 \$73,000

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of January 9, 2015.

/s/ A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3018** adopted 10-0-0.

**RESOLUTION #3019** by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Enfield Town Council adopted the Plan of Open Space and Farmland Preservation in Enfield providing an outline of an agricultural preservation strategy for the Town of Enfield; and

WHEREAS, the Enfield Plan of Conservation and Development adopted in 2011 recognizes farmland preservation as necessary to promote farmland viability and maintain the agricultural industry within the Town of Enfield; and

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Council wishes to further the goals of the Plan of Open Space and Farmland Preservation in Enfield and the Enfield Plan of Conservation and Development by providing for a systematic approach to identify, prioritize, and preserve valuable farmland as a future resource; and

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Council wishes to participate in the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Community Farms Preservation Program as a means to accomplish the stated goal of preservation of farmland;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby take the following steps related to Farmland Preservation:

1. Appoints the Enfield Conservation Commission to be the Agricultural Commission for the Town of Enfield; and
2. Directs the Agricultural Commission to develop an inventory of local farmland resources and provide for the prioritization of these resources using a criteria scoring or ranking system; and
3. Establishes a new fund, designated as the Enfield Farmland Preservation Fund, for the purposes of farmland preservation that shall be used for the acquisition of farmland or to secure the development rights of that farmland to preserve the agricultural character thereof; and

4. Directs the Town Manager to provide recommendations to the Council on capitalizing the Enfield Farmland Preservation Fund; and
5. Directs the Town Manager and the Agricultural Commission to take the necessary steps to become a prequalified community in the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Community Farms Preservation Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Enfield Council requests that the Agricultural Commission provide to the Council a status report on its activities no later than six months after the adoption of this resolution.

Councilor Szewczak stated she is very much in favor of this. She questioned what kind of staff support will be given to the Conservation Commission as they proceed through this. Mr. Coppler stated at this point, the Town doesn't have a lot of planning staff, therefore, it will mainly be coming out of his office.

Councilor Bosco stated he will recuse himself because he owns a parcel of property that may qualify.

Councilor Mangini questioned who authorizes this spending, and where is actual funding coming from. Mr. Coppler stated the spending will be authorized by the Town Council. He noted a decision will have to be made as to how this will be funded.

Councilor Mangini questioned whether grant monies are available, and Mr. Coppler stated the Town would have to contribute a share in order to get the grant money.

Councilor Arnone stated his understanding they could create a fund for donations, which could be used towards the match.

Chairman Kaupin stated Councilor Lee couldn't be present this evening but wanted it known that if he was here, he'd be supporting this. He noted Councilor Lee states this is the Town and Town Council making good on the goals made in 2009, and he expressed his appreciation to the Conservation Commission.

Chairman Kaupin voiced his support of this resolution.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3019** adopted 9-0-1, with Councilor Bosco abstaining.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no comments from the public.

## **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Bosco requested a report on the status of recycling. He questioned the possibility of recycling pick-ups on a weekly basis. Mr. Coppler stated Enfield's recycling has leveled off over the last couple years. He noted a weekly pick-up would require more staff and trucks. He added he could provide more information at budget time.

Councilor Hall stated Dan Squires, an SSO officer at Enfield Street School, is doing a fundraiser at Mt. Carmel on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00, and for tickets, call Dan Squires at 860-214-9408. She explained this is to raise funds for a robot for the autistic students in that school. She noted Mr. Squires is hoping to raise \$2,500. She noted the fundraiser will include a D.J. and dance with raffles.

Councilor Szewczak agreed with Councilor Bosco, and she believes they need to look at recycling.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #3020** by Councilor Stokes, seconded by Councilor Hall to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3020** adopted 10-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:40 p.m.